

Appln. No. 10/665,674
Amendment dated June 30, 2006
Reply to Office Action mailed December 20, 2005

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 5 through 6 remain in this application. Claim 3 has been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn. Claims 7 through 10 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

The amendment filed March 20, 2006 has been objected to under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) because it introduces new matter into the disclosure.

The specification has been amended to remove the matter objected to in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action

Claims 1 and 2 and 4 through 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite.

The above amendments to the claims are believed to clarify the requirements of the rejected claims, especially the particular points identified in the Office Action.

Withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 1 and 2 and 5 through 6 is therefore respectfully requested.

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Paragraph 5 through 8 of the Office Action

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Ballard, Jr.

Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ballard, Jr.

The above amendment incorporates the requirements of claim 4 into the recitation of claim 1, and therefore claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 2, 5, and 6, by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 1, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.


Withdrawal of the §102(e) and §103(a) rejections of claims 1 and 2 is therefore respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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